

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 2-5, 10, 17, 32 and 40-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Hatch *et al.* (USPN 4,929,370) in view of Weinreich (USPN 5,435,671) and Sinclair *et al.* (USPN 5,834,582).

The Examiner rejected claims 6-9, 12, 13 and 34-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Hatch *et al.* (USPN 4,929,370) in view of Weinreich (USPN 5,435,671) and Sinclair *et al.* (USPN 5,834,582) as applied to claims 2-5, 10, 17, 32 and 40-42 above, and further in view of Frater (USPN 6,355,360).

The Examiner rejected claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Hatch *et al.* (USPN 4,929,370) in view of Weinreich (USPN 5,435,671) and Sinclair *et al.* (USPN 5,834,582) as applied to claims 2-5, 10, 17, 32 and 40-42 above, and further in view of Block (USPN 4,269,549).

In a telephonic interview between the Examiner and Applicants' representative on June 6, 2006, agreement was reached that the following amendment of independent claims 4 and 17 would overcome the use of Hatch as a prior art reference in the aforementioned claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):

"wherein the removable adhesive [[is]] consists of a liquid while adhesively coupling the successive sheets to each other" (claim 4); and

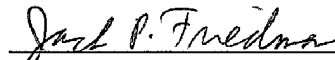
"wherein the removable adhesive [[is]] consists of a liquid while adhesively coupling said each sheet with its adjacent sheet" (claim 17).

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully contend that the aforementioned claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are moot.

CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding arguments, Applicants respectfully believe that all pending claims and the entire application meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If the Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invites the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account 09-0457.

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